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1. Until recently the distribution of raw materials to those industries which are not Soviet AGs was handled exclusively by the distribution offices of the economic ministries of the five states of the Russian zone. Russian offices corresponding to the German state distribution offices have now been established, however, and have the function of reviewing and approving all allotments of raw materials which are made by the German offices, leaving the latter with virtually no authority. Similarly, the SMA now controls the distribution of finished products by requiring that the "Warenbegleitscheine" (certificates to accompany goods) be confirmed not only by the industry divisions of the state governments but also by newly founded economic supervisory offices of the state SMAs.
2. In Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia, industrial products originally scheduled for shipment to the western zones have been reassigned in some cases for shipment to Russia, although at the time the raw materials were allotted the interzonal delivery was approved. The items principally affected by such changes are mechanical fittings, electric motors, precision instruments, and electrical equipment of all types.

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